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DATELINE

Exhibits

University Art Gallery (Dexter): Paintings and drawings by Jerome Witkin, through Dec. 6. Daily 11 am-4 pm; Wednesday, 7-9 pm.

UU Galerie: "Peter Meller: Andante Allegro Rubato," through Dec. 6. Tuesday-Friday 10 am-4 pm; Wednesday till 7 pm; Saturday, Sunday, noon to 4 pm.

Wednesday, December 2

Holiday Craft Fair: UU Plaza, 9 am.

Music: Richard Green, BackStage Pizza, noon.

Thursday, December 3

Music: Student recital, Davidson Music Center 218, 11 am.

Physics Colloquium: Charles Stafford (University of Arizona), "Quantized Conductance and Force in Atomic-Scale Contacts," Science E-45, 11 am.

Auditions: For "Romeo and Juliet," Theatre and Dance Department's winter quarter production, Davidson Music Center 212, 7 pm. Also Dec. 4.

Men's Basketball: Fresno Pacific, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)

Friday, December 4

Auditions: For "Romeo and Juliet," Theatre and Dance Department's winter quarter production, Davidson Music Center 212, 7 pm.

Saturday, December 5

Women's Basketball: UC San Diego, Mott Gym, 2 pm. (\$)

Music: Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra Fall Concert, Cal Poly Theatre, 3 pm. (\$)

Music: Christmas Celebration with the Cal Poly Choirs, Cohan Center, 8:30 pm. Also Dec. 6 (\$)

Sunday, December 6

Music: Christmas Celebration with the Cal Poly Choirs, Cohan Center, 3 pm. (\$)

El Corral prices drop on texts, special orders

In response to a campuswide survey distributed in spring 1998, beginning winter quarter, El Corral bookstore will implement a new competitive pricing program on all textbooks, new and used.

In addition, the bookstore will continue to offer the highest buyback price, guaranteeing students the best value for their textbook dollar at El Corral, according to Frank Cawley, bookstore director.

If a student finds the same book in stock at a local competitor for less, El Corral will make every effort to beat the lower price. If for some reason the store cannot offer a lower price, the student will receive a full refund plus a \$5 in-store certificate.

According to Cawley, El Corral carries the correct edition of every faculty member's recommended and required textbook for every class at Cal Poly.

He urges the faculty and staff to let students know about the new price guarantees and welcomes comments about the bookstore's operation, especially the new textbook pricing program.

In addition to continuing to offer the faculty and staff a 20 percent discount on all general books in stock, El Corral has just expanded the discount to include general book special orders. □

Library tops list for tutorials on Web

The Kennedy Library's Web-based information competence modules have been selected as No. 1 on the "TM Top Ten Tutorials," a list of exemplary library tutorials on the Web.

The list is compiled by the Teaching Methods Committee of the Association of College and Research Libraries (a division of the American Library Association). The entire list and a review of each site are at www.bk.psu.edu/academic/library/istm/topten.html. □

Times editor to speak at Dec. 12 Commencement

Los Angeles Times Associate Editor and Vice President Narda Zacchino will deliver the main address at Cal Poly's Fall Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 12.

About 1,000 degrees are to be symbolically conferred at the 9:30 am and 1:30 pm events. The colleges of Business, Engineering, and Science and Mathematics and the University Center for Teacher Education will participate in the morning ceremony, the colleges of Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design, and Liberal Arts in the afternoon.

Zacchino has been with the Times since 1970 — previously as reporter, Sacramento bureau chief, Orange County editor, and deputy managing editor. In

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Dec. 7 teleconference to address Y2K problem

A live, interactive teleconference with U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley on how schools are preparing for the year 2000 computer challenge will be from 9 to 11 am Monday, Dec. 7, in the Education Building, Room 24, and in the Kennedy Library, Room 202.

The contents of the teleconference are included in a DOE flyer, posted on the Web at www.ed.gov/units/stm/y2kflyer.html.

If you have questions you'd like answered during the broadcast, you can fax them to the U.S. Department of Education at 202 401-0689 before noon Dec. 4. Questions can also be faxed to Cal Poly's Y2K coordinator, Sally Anderson, at ext. 6-7669 or e-mailed to year2000@polymail.

Space is limited and seats will be reserved on a first-come basis. To reserve a seat, e-mail your name, department, phone number and e-mail address to year2000@polymail.

You may also register on-line at <http://www.calpoly.edu/year2000/teleconf.html>. □

CPR Schedule

The final fall quarter *Cal Poly Report* will be Wednesday, Dec. 9. The copy deadline is 10 am Thursday, Dec. 3.

The first winter quarter *Report* will be Jan. 6. Because of the New Year holiday, the deadline is 10 am Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Send items via e-mail to polynews@polymail, or fax them to ext. 6-6533. □

Still time to give

State Campaign/United Way pledge forms are still welcome. Contact your campaign captain or the Communications Office, ext. 6-1511. □

Position vacancies

Vacancy information and applications for the following positions are available from the appropriate Human Resources office. Information can also be accessed from the Cal Poly home page on the World Wide Web (address: www.calpoly.edu; click on "General Information").

FACULTY (Adm. 312, ext. 6-2844). Candidates are asked to contact the appropriate department office at the phone number listed for more information and an application. Please submit all application materials to the department head/chair unless otherwise specified. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience, and timebase where applicable, unless otherwise stated.

#93037: Tenure-track position, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department (756-2947). Academic year position, assistant/associate professor of environmental bioengineering, available September 1999 for interdisciplinary bioengineering program under development. Must have Ph.D. in environmental, biochemical, or chemical engineering and a demonstrated commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate teaching. Ability to teach core environmental classes in civil and environmental engineering curricula; establish a strong research program; and assist in developing an interdisciplinary bioengineering curriculum. Additional qualifications and application available by contacting department. Apply to Sam Vigil, chair of Bioengineering Search Committee, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. Closing date: Jan. 30.

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 6-7107). All Foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 pm of the closing date. (No faxes.)

Accounts Payable Clerk, Foundation Business Office (\$9.23 – 11.99/hr). Responsible for performing tasks related to accounts payable activities. Requirements: High school or equivalent and one year experience in keeping or reviewing financial or statistical records in an accounting environment, including accounts payable. Accounts payable experience in a high volume environment is desired. Academic education beyond high school degree (or equivalent) may be substituted on basis of 12 semester units of business or commercial education being equivalent to six months of experience. Must type and operate a 10-key calculator by touch. Knowledge of and experience with computer terminals and data entry, word processing or spreadsheets required. Must be able to sit and view a computer screen for long periods of time with manual dexterity; work under moderate pressure to meet deadlines. The Foundation offers generous benefits. Applications must be received by Dec. 11. For an application contact: Foundation Human Resources, 756-7107. □

UP TO SPEED

For the next several months, Up to Speed will appear as a regular feature of the Cal Poly Report to keep readers up-to-date on the progress of the parking structure and to tell them how to beat the parking blues.

Construction to begin

Construction on the parking structure is about to begin, and approximately 150 parking spaces in the G-1 lot near the Performing Arts Center will be lost temporarily.

Facilities Planning and Commuter Services urge faculty, staff and students to please plan ahead when returning to campus winter quarter. The heaviest impact on parking lots is during the first two weeks of the quarter — especially if it's raining.

Please watch for information in upcoming issues of the *Cal Poly Report* for helpful hints on handling parking problems while the garage is being built. □

Gift drive to end Dec. 8

Student Community Services is sponsoring a holiday gift drive for underprivileged children living in the San Luis Obispo Housing Authority projects.

To participate, stop by SCS in UU 217-D to pick up the name and wish list of a child.

The price of gifts on the wish list range up to approximately \$30. The gift needs to be wrapped and returned to SCS by Tuesday, Dec. 8.

This year's goal is to provide gifts for more than 160 children. Call ext. 6-5834 for more information. □

Reserve UU rooms by Dec. 17

The UU Reservations office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 18, through Friday, Jan. 1. Call Linda Lee Thoresen at ext. 6-5807 by Thursday, Dec. 17, to schedule UU facilities needed for early winter quarter. □

Payday falls on holiday

The December payday for faculty and staff members is Thursday, Dec. 31. Although this is an official campus holiday, the Cashier's windows (Adm. 131-E) will be open from 3 to 4 pm to release payroll warrants.

Because those normally authorized to pick up checks for departments will not be on campus, checks will be given directly to the individual employee.

Checks not picked up on the 31st can be picked up by the department representative as a batch on Monday, Jan. 4. If lines at the Cashier's windows are too long, go to Adm. 129, where an Accounts Payable staff member will be on hand to help.

For more information, call the Payroll Services office at ext. 6-2605. □

Physics pros to speak

The final fall quarter Physics Colloquium is scheduled on Thursday, Dec. 3, and the first winter quarter presentation is planned for Thursday, Jan. 7.

University of Arizona physics professor Charles A. Stafford will give the Dec. 3 presentation. He will talk on "Quantized Conductance and Force in Atomic-Scale Contacts."

Cal Poly physics professor Chance Hoelwarth will talk on "A Comparison of Studio and Traditional Classrooms" on Jan. 7.

Both talks will be from 11 am to noon in Room E-45 of the Science Building. □

Foundation Board to meet

The Foundation Board of Directors will hold a public meeting at 9 am Friday, Dec. 4, in the Foundation Administration Building's Conference Room (#124).

For more information or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Executive Director Al Amaral at ext. 6-1131.

A copy of the agenda packet is available for review at the Kennedy Library Reserve Desk and the Academic Senate Office, Mathematics and Science 143. □

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her editing career with the newspaper she has overseen the weekend city desk, local government and politics, the nine feature sections, and three regional editions.

She has judged Pulitzer Prize nominees and chaired the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Diversity Committee. □